

**Instructions**

**Eligibility Requirements**

Military retirement pay for service in the United States Armed Forces, the Armed Forces Military Reserve, or the National Guard is eligible for exemption from Iowa income tax. Only military retirement pay received from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), or a similar source is eligible for the exemption.

Railroad Retirement benefits paid by the Railroad Retirement Board are not taxable on the Iowa Return.

If you or your spouse are qualified Iowa residents and receive a pension, an annuity, a self-employed retirement plan, deferred compensation, IRA distribution, or other retirement plan benefits, you may be eligible for a partial exemption. You must be 55 years of age or older or disabled to qualify. If you are a surviving spouse or survivor of an individual who would have qualified for the exclusion you may also be eligible for a partial exemption. To be considered disabled you must be receiving retirement income on the basis of a documented disability or you must meet federal or state criteria for disability. Federal Civil Service annuitants who want Iowa tax withheld from federal pensions should call the Office of Personnel Management toll free at 888-767-6738 or e-mail [retire@opm.gov](mailto:retire@opm.gov).

**Withholding Rates**

Payers have the option of withholding at a rate of 5%, using the withholding formula, or using the withholding tables.

**Low-Income Exemption**

Taxpayers 65 years of age or older are exempt if:

- You are single and your net income is \$24,000 or less,
- Your filing status is other than single and your total net income is \$32,000 or less. Only one spouse must be 65 or older to qualify for this exemption.

**Note:** Pension exclusion and any reportable Social Security amount must be added to net income for purposes of determining the low-income exemption.

Taxpayers under 65 are exempt if:

- Your net income is less than \$5,000 and you are claimed as a dependent on another person's Iowa return.
- You are single and your net income is \$9,000 or less and you are not claimed as a dependent on another person's Iowa return.
- Your filing status is other than single and your total net income is \$13,500 or less.

**Claiming No Exemption**

Iowa income tax will be withheld on the entire amount of taxable benefits received if this box is checked below.

**Withholding Choices**

Unmarried Iowa residents may choose to have Iowa tax withheld on the annual taxable amount excluding up to \$6,000. Married taxpayers may exclude up to \$12,000 from the annual taxable amount.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (SSN) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Iowa income tax is withheld for Iowa residents only.**

Are you an Iowa resident? Yes  No

I choose not to have Iowa income tax withheld from my pension/annuity. ....

I choose to have Iowa income tax withheld from my pension/annuity Select one of the following:

- claiming no exemption (see instructions) .....
- excluding \$6,000 in benefits each year .....
- excluding \$12,000 in benefits each year (married – status 2, 3, or 4) .....

Additional amount, if any, to be withheld from each benefit payment (whole dollars): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Where to Send the IA W-4P**

Return the completed form to the person who handles your pension/retirement check, or, if planning to retire, your current payroll officer. If you are a federal employee, return it to the Office of Personnel Management.